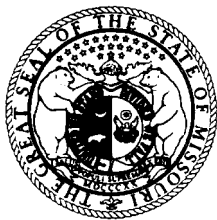


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#### Situation Report

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#### Winter Ice Storm

February 6, 2002 0800 hrs.

**Situation:** An intense winter storm containing snow, ice, sleet and freezing rain affected the west central and north central part of the State on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The results of the storm were devastating to many communities. A tremendous amount of people were without power for extended periods of time due to downed trees crippling power supplies within the affected area. Shelters were opened within the affected area to provide for the victims. Power crews have worked non-stop since the onset of the storm to restore power to the affected area.

**Governor Holden** formally asked President Bush to declare 33 Missouri counties disaster areas because of last week's ice storm that caused millions of dollars in damage and left tens of thousands of people without power in the Kansas City area on February 5, 2002. As damage information from other counties continues to be compiled, it may be necessary to add additional counties to the disaster request. Governor Holden's request to President Bush was submitted through the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII Office in Kansas City.

**Federal Declaration:** Missouri is hopeful the Declaration will be received in the next day or so.

**The State Emergency Operations Center** has remained open 24/7 since Feb. 1, 2002, but will be on normal hours beginning today, unless the situation requires the facility to remain open. We will revert to the 24 hour duty officer number, 573-751-2748, at 1630hrs. today.

**SEMA personnel** continue to compile disaster information from other affected counties in the state for possible inclusion in the disaster request and to insure all needs are being met. Personnel are prepared to deploy to the affected area to assist in the disaster application process if/when the Federal Declaration is received.

**Forty plus (40+) shelters** were initially opened on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Shelters will remain open in affected areas for as long as the need exists. As of this report, 18 shelters remain open in the Kansas City area.

**Power companies** still report approximately 39K customers without power in the metro area. Approximately 200 power crews from outside the area are assisting.

**Weather Forecast** calls for snow in the southern ½ of the state. Accumulations of 1 to 2 inches are expected. The highs will be in the low 30's and the lows in the teens. Next 48 hours will see warming temperatures and clear skies after this storm leaves the state. Highs in the 40's with lows in 20's.